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Docket No. 87345.1640  
Customer No. 30734  
Application No. 09/911,288



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No.: 2875
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Brian J. BERDAN, et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 3682
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Application No.: 09/911,288	)	Examiner: Julie Knecht Smith
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Filed: July 23, 2001	)	
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For: EXTENSIBLE JACK HANDLE	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.